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NJAC'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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(*Trenton*) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) is hosting its 62nd annual celebration of county government this week from June 5th through June 7th at the newly renovated Bally's Park Place in a revitalized Atlantic City.

"We expect to host an outstanding event this year with over 29 educational workshops; an insightful legislative leadership panel discussion featuring Senate President Steve Sweeney and Speaker of the General Assembly Sheila Oliver; a unique county executive forum; and, the first ever county vocational technical school cook-off challenge," said NJAC President and Warren County Freeholder Rick Gardner.

County vocational technical schools in Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, and Warren counties will compete for titles in taste, creativity, and food presentation. Additionally, Senator Joseph Kyrillos, Senator Jeff Van Drew, and Assemblyman John Amodeo will join the Senate President and Speaker as panelists for a timely legislative discussion moderated by NJ 101.5's Kevin McArdle. Moreover, county finance officers, purchasing officials, public works officials, clerks, and attorneys may earn essential continuing education credits by satisfactorily completing many of NJAC's diverse and unique seminars approved for accreditation by the Department of Community Affairs and Board of Continuing Legal Education.

"Our conference offers a wide variety of educational workshops that range from a discussion on the State's strategic planning process to effective long term financial planning for county governments; and, provides our county decision makers with the unique opportunity to share innovative ideas, programs, and initiatives. However, I'm most excited about the opportunity to taste each of the terrific dishes prepared by our talented county vocational technical school students." commented Gardner.

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives for the sole purpose of saving valuable taxpayer dollars. Please visit our website at www.njac.org for additional details.